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OCHOA ONE OF FEW GREATS TO GO OUT ON TOP



Ochoa walked away from playing professional golf at the height of her career to enjoy the second stage of her life as a wife, mother, businesswoman and philanthropist.

Sports fans never get used to their favorite superstar aging and hanging on to their sport until it becomes obvious the glory years are long gone. For many, Willie Mays is still the greatest baseball player they've seen in their lifetime, but the images of him misplaying balls in the outfield is forever attached to the highlight memories. Few athletes walk away from their sport at the peak of their careers leaving us to wonder what more they may have accomplished. Both Jim Brown and Barry Sanders retired from the NFL following MVP seasons and Michael Jordan stunned the

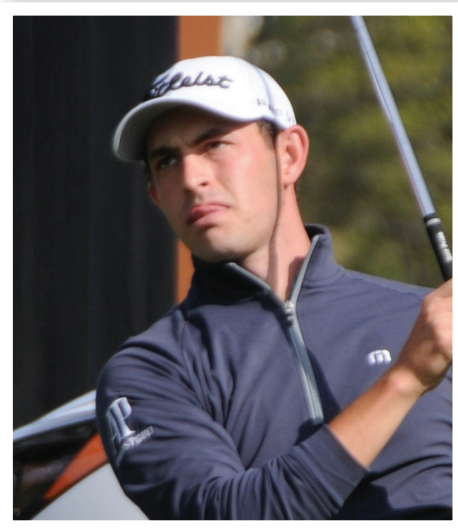
basketball world following his third NBA Championship when he retired to pursue a baseball career.

Friends of Golf's 2018 co-Honoree, Lorena Ochoa falls into the rare "went out on top" category. With 27 LPGA victories that included two major championships, four LPGA Rolex Player of the Year awards, two Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year honors, 102 consecutive cuts made and 156 weeks as the world's #1 female golfer, she stunned the sports world by retiring at the age of 28 after only eight full seasons. As impressive as her professional career stats are, her amateur career might be more remarkable. In two years at the University of Arizona, she won 12 tournaments including an NCAA record eight consecutive and was NCAA Player of the Year both years. Prior to that, she won 44 junior national Mexican events and five junior world golf championship age group titles. She was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2017.

Still only 36, Ochoa is married to Andres Conesa Labastida, CEO of Aeromexico Airlines (one of FOG sponsor Delta Air Lines' Skyteam Alliance partners), has three children and hosts the annual LPGA Lorena Ochoa Invitational. Her many activities include the Lorena Ochoa Foundation which operates La Barranca, a Guadalajara school for children 6-18 that also features classes in the evening for adults. To date, the school has graduated over 4,000 students. The Ochoa family also operates the Ochoa Golf Academies throughout Mexico.

ADD CANTLAY TO LIST OF INSPIRED 2018 COMEBACKS

When golf fans think of epic 2018 comebacks, they probably think of a local



The Servite High graduate is the first Ben Hogan Trophy winner to become a FOG Honoree.

Anaheim Western graduate who recently won his 80th PGA Tour event. However, there was another comeback by a former Southern California high school golfer that may have been just as astounding. Even though Patrick Cantlay became a professional golfer at the young age of 20, he remains one of the most decorated amateur golfers in history. He was the

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"The finest one day tournament of its kind in the USA." - Byron Nelson





(Cantlay cont.)

world's #1 amateur golfer for a record 55 consecutive weeks and captured the Ben Hogan Trophy, the Jack Nicklaus Award, the Phil Mickelson award, the Fred Haskins Award and the Mark McCormack Medal; all before the end of his sophomore year at UCLA. Plus, the Long Beach native holds the record for the lowest score by an amateur in a PGA Tour event when he shot a 60 at the 2011 Travelers Championship in Hartford, CT. By the end of that year and still an amateur, he had four Top 25 finishes in PGA Tour events. In winning the 2012 Ben Hogan Trophy, he bested current PGA Tour stars Jordan Speith, Justin Thomas, C.T. Pan and Patrick Rodgers.

After turning pro in 2012, Cantlay won the second web.com tour event he participated in and earned his PGA Tour card for the following year. It appeared he had launched a career destined for greatness. However, that wasn't to be the case. Following a series of well-documented health problems and a horrific personal tragedy, he slipped to #415 in the Official World Golf Rankings (OWGR). Back problems persisted from 2013-2016. If his physical problems weren't enough, in February 2016, he watched as his best friend and caddie, Chris Roth, was struck by a hit and run driver on Newport Beach's Balboa Peninsula and died.

He finally made it back on the PGA Tour at the beginning of 2017 due to a medical exemption. That meant he had 10 tournaments to earn enough Fed Ex Cup points or money to remain exempt. In his first event, the AT&T at Pebble Beach he made the cut then followed with a second place finish at the Valspar Championship which earned him enough money for exempt status the balance of the year. In fact, playing in only 12 tournaments that year, he was among the 30 golfers qualifying for the season-ending Tour Championship. At the beginning of the 2018 wrap-around season, Cantlay broke into the PGA Tour win column with a victory at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. With seven Top 10's and winnings exceeding \$4 million, Cantlay finished 20th in the Fed Ex Cup standings and now ranks 22nd in the OWGR.

WE GET LETTERS

In each edition of FOG Horn we devote space to reprinting excerpts from a few of the many letters FOG receives from

high school coaches, administrators and youth program directors thanking FOG and reminding all Best Friends that FOG's value extends beyond the golf course and into the community. Many of these coaches are fighting budget cuts and other economic realities and FOG's support is the primary reason their program survives.

"Thank you for your support of The First Tee of Los Angeles. Thanks to donors like you, our chapter has positively impacted the lives of over 100,000 youth through our life-skills and healthy habits curriculum while using golf as the vehicle of instruction. Also, we have partnered with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and SCGA to educate the youth of our community on the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) of golf as well as future career opportunities in the golf industry through "The First Green Experience".

The Team at The First Tee of Los Angeles

"We are incredibly grateful for the support of Friends of Golf and your deep commitment to SCGA Junior as well as the entire welfare of the game. Thank you for believing in us and growing our programs. With your support, SCGA Junior has been able to develop a strong junior golf and youth development program and our programs to reach underserved youth are thriving. With your gift, we are putting instructors, coaches, role models, equipment, uniforms and more directly into the communities and our kids are benefiting.

As we know Friends of Golf is also passionate about high school golf. I would be remiss not to mention a few updates. At the local level, we are continuing to engage more and more [high school] programs to offer instruction to the team members. At the regional level, one of our 2018 initiatives will be to get a lot more [high school] programs involved with our Golf Pass so that their kids can practice year round. Finally, we are engaged with the CIF to run events in both the preseason and postseason to continue to strengthen the infrastructure for the kids."

**Phil Frengs, President
Southern California Golf Association (SCGA)**

**Kevin Gigax, Executive Director
Southern California Golf Association (SCGA)**

"On behalf of the Martin Luther King High School boys and girls golf programs we would like to thank you for your generosity to our boys and girls programs. Your donation will make it much easier to support the cost of our players participating in the wonderful world of competitive golf. Thanks to your contributions, we will be able to put more players on our teams than we have in the past. Your amazing contributions to every school is incredible, and we are lucky to have your organization that does so much for junior golf and high school athletics."

**Kevin LeDuc, Boys Golf Coach
Martin Luther King High School, Riverside, CA**

**Keith Moorman, Girls Golf Coach
Martin Luther King High School, Riverside, CA**

"On behalf of Vista del Lago High School Girls and Boys Golf team we would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks. The closing of our local golf course has made it difficult to practice daily, so with your kind donation we are able to purchase equipment for practicing various skills of the game at our school-site. With the introduction of golf to Vista del Lago High School we have seen a growing interest in this sport for students who otherwise may never have had the opportunity to play this sport. Your donation has allowed us to continue our golf program with hopes that our athletes have a life-long sport in which to stay active and participate."

**Nancy Williams, Coach
Vista del Lago H.S., Moreno Valley, CA**

**Bryan Schnakenberg, Coach
Vista del Lago H.S., Moreno Valley, CA**

FOG & SCPGA: A WINNING COMBINATION FOR GOLF'S FUTURE

2017 ClubsForeYouth Results

- 374 sets of golf equipment donated
- 56 schools impacted
- 3,841 miles driven to hand deliver equipment
- 2018 Goal: Contribute 500 sets to youth in-need.

"Friends of Golf has been instrumental in the growth and success of ClubsForeYouth. Without its support, we wouldn't have been afforded the opportunity to impact so many young people."

Matt Gilson, Foundation Director, SCPGA

At age six when most boys and girls are either excited or anxious about starting first grade, SCPGA star Amari Avery was already beginning her quest to become a household name. She not only won the Callaway Junior World 2010 Golf Tournament but was featured nationally on the Golf Channel's Golf In America program and locally on the KABC/Channel 7 news. Since then, the victories, awards and publicity have continued to rain down on the Anaheim golf prodigy. Amari has been featured in Southland Golf Magazine, FORE and Golf Week. At the age of eight, she starred in The Short Game, a golf documentary produced by Justin Timberlake about several entrants in the 2012 U.S. Kids Golf World Championships. She won the tournament that year and again two years later. In 2017 alone, Amari won the Corey Pavin Invitational, the AJGA Club Corp Championship at Mission Hills and the AJGA Callaway Golf Junior Championship. At that event, her score of 67 was not only the lowest score ever recorded in that tournament, but also set a Women's course record at Vista Valley Country Club in Vista, CA.



Amari Avery will be representing SCPGA at FOG's Tournament Day Clinic and Dinner. Avery, still only 14, has already been featured in two documentaries, topped SCPGA's Toyota Cup Tour in both 2016 and 2017 and won her first AJGA event last year at the Callaway Junior Golf Championships played at Vista Valley Country Club in Vista, CA.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

SAL CIMBOLO



It will have been 538 days since our last FOG Tournament but for some, it's seemed like eternity. I'm really looking forward to seeing and welcoming our terrific sponsors, dedicated volunteers and generous participants to the Bel-Air Country Club following the course's historic restoration project. I believe everyone will enjoy seeing the course as George C. Thomas imagined it in 1925. Our 2018 co-Honorees should prove to be a treat. Lorena Ochoa is one of the LPGA's all-time greats, but her work with the Lorena Ochoa Foundation and the school she created, La Barranca, might be more impressive than her amazing career statistics. Patrick Cantlay is one of Southern California's greatest amateurs capturing the Ben Hogan Trophy while attending UCLA and spending a record 55 consecutive weeks as the world's #1 amateur. After a number of injuries and a personal tragedy, he's risen to the world's 22nd ranked golfer. Both have amazing stories and will be very entertaining.

Even though it's been a year and a half since our 38th Annual FOG Tournament, FOG's mission of supporting youth golf hasn't taken a break. Evidence appears in this edition's We Get Letters section where you can read letters from The First Tee of LA, the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) and high school coaches providing their heartfelt thanks for FOG's ongoing commitment. Last February, we had our 1st Annual Evening With Champions where we saw a lot of familiar faces along with some new

ones. By all measurements, the event was a success thanks to our own Lil' Pro who orchestrated the marvelous line-up of Sir Nick Faldo, Jim Furyk, this year's Ryder Cup Captain, and of course, legendary announcer, Jim Nantz.

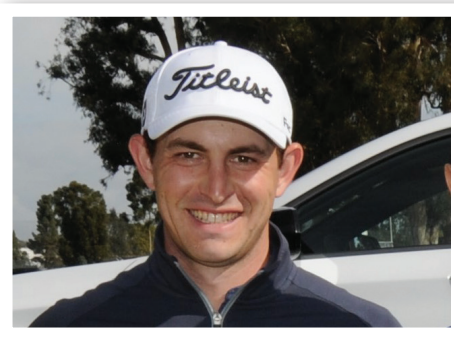
Our involvement with SCGA Junior and SCPGA have continued to grow and reach into neighborhoods where opportunities to learn and play the great game of golf have been previously been scarce. FOG's lengthy history with high school golf through the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) continued with both monetary support and used club and golf equipment donations through our Turn Wood and Iron Into Gold (TWIG) program. Currently FOG supports three CIF sections (Southern, Los Angeles and San Diego) and hopes to add more in the future. What's also extremely gratifying is to see SCGA partnering with CIF sections and creating synergy in the effort to make golf and golf courses more available and more affordable for all young boys and girls who have the desire.

3RD ANNUAL FOG CRUISE SETS COURSE FOR CUBA

Word seems to have spread quickly that Annual FOG Cruises have only enhanced FOG's reputation for offering first class, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for those associated with FOG. The first two offered luxury, adventure, education and fun all in intriguing settings. The inaugural FOG Cruise navigated the Eastern Seaboard sailing from New York to Montreal and back allowing passengers to experience spectacular fall colors during Autumn in the Maritimes. Last year's cruise brought FOG passengers to the fabled and remote Galapagos Islands to walk in Darwin's footsteps and mix with the habitat. For the 3rd Annual FOG Cruise, Frosch Travel has once again arranged an adventure experienced by very few. This time it's a 7-day cruise around the mysterious island country only 90 miles from U.S. shores; Cuba. FOG cruisers will set sail October 23 from Miami aboard Oceania's luxurious Insignia. The sleek and elegantly charming ship recently received a multimillion dollar transformation and has accommodations for only 684 passengers supported by 400 professionally trained European crew members. The journey around the island makes stops in Havana, Cienfuegos and Santiago de Cuba before returning to Miami. Staterooms begin at \$1,699 (double occupancy), so don't delay. It may be a year before you board the Insignia, but when it's a FOG cruise, staterooms go quickly, especially the best ones.

19th HOLE

By Lil' Pro



Due to his admiration for FOG and its mission, Cantlay passed up the opportunity to earn a considerable amount of money in overseas tournaments.

I recently had the pleasure of attending this year's Ryder Cup just outside of Paris, France. It had to be the most attended sporting event ever in France. Since the course is less than 30 years old, it was created to be spectator-friendly and accommodate a lot of people which it certainly did. For many years, all the USA had to do was show up and they would win. Up until the 1979 match, it had been the USA vs. Great Britain and Ireland. However, that year the rest of Europe was included and results began changing. In 1997, the Ryder Cup was played on the European continent for the first time with Seve Ballesteros as Europe's captain. He not only brought the matches to Spain's Valderrama Royal Club, he had the course set up perfectly to benefit his team. Since the Americans were known for having the big hitters, he made sure the fairways were narrow and the rough deep. Ever since then, the home team has set up the course to favor their strengths but it started with Seve. He was so intent on beating the USA that he would pick the club from a player's hands if he felt they were making the wrong decision. He would have approved of how the Le Golf National course played into the strengths of this year's European team.

I've known Patrick Cantlay a long time since I taught his father, Steve, who is a former club champion at Wilshire Country Club. Interestingly, both of Patrick's parents went to USC, but when the Trojan coach didn't offer him a scholarship, he ended up a

Bruin with his parents' blessing. His well-chronicled medical problems and personal tragedy caused Patrick to miss a couple of years on the PGA Tour. However, it was discovered his back problems were related to a condition from birth and appear to be resolved. He's now in the Top 25 golfers in the world and showing promise by being on the leaderboard in majors. He was going to play this fall in the Far East where they have some big money tournaments. However, he has so much respect for FOG and what our organization does for the game that he opted to stay home and be our 2018 Co-Honoree. That says a lot about the young man and his upbringing.

Congratulations to my former UCLA player, Ken Tanigawa, for his recent Champions Tour victory at the PURE Insurance Championship played at Pebble Beach. After UCLA, Ken didn't make the PGA Tour and maintained his amateur status. After turning 50, he decided to try to qualify for the Champions Tour because if you fail, you can remain an amateur. He made it and brought the total to seven of my former UCLA players now on the Champions Tour. The other six are Duffy Waldorf, Tom Pernice, Corey Pavin, Brandt Jobe, Scott McCarron and Steve Pate. Although he wasn't on any of my UCLA teams, another former student of mine



After winning the Corey Pavin Invitational, Amari Avery receives the trophy from Corey, one of seven ex-Bruins and students of the Lil' Pro now competing on the PGA's Champions Tour. Corey was the 1999 FOG Honoree and, as such, is a member of FOG's Council of Honorees.



After spending time with the Lil' Pro, Jasmine Lew broke through into the winners circle with an AJGA event victory at Coto de Caza's Enagic Junior Championship. Seen here with Dustin Johnson and her brother at last year's clinic, the future Cal Golden Bear golfer sports a +2.5 handicap index.

preparing for the 50 and over tour is Bobby May, best known for taking Tiger Woods to a three-hole playoff in the 2000 PGA Championship. Unless he was playing in a tournament, I taught Bobby every Sunday at 7am from the time he was nine or ten years old until he went away to college. He ended up at Oklahoma St. where his coach Mike Holder said he was one of the best collegiate golfers he's ever had. Bobby is teaching in Las Vegas now, but has plans for the Champions Tour when he turns 50 near the end of 2018.

I still get the pleasure of working with young golfers through the SCGA's Merrins Legacy Program. I had been working with Jasmine Lew who has enjoyed recent success in junior golf tournaments and will be attending Berkley soon. I'm glad she's out there competing. There's no substitute for great competition and for getting to the highest level of competition as soon as you can get there. I start working with another SCGA product soon; a 16 year old Fullerton boy by the name of Jetty Sivongsay.

Congratulations to UCLA's Devon Bling for his performance in the 2018 U.S. Amateur. Even though he lost in the Finals, second place earned him a spot in the 2019 Masters. He'll be the first Bruin golfer to play in the Masters as an amateur.

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